FACTION OF WOMEN

Both Sides Sought Hobbins's Influence and Pestered by Importunities He Vanished, Leaving No Trace.

The persistent tattling of women is all responsible by friends of Joseph Hobbins, former treasurer of St. Albans Episcopal Church, Highbridge, for his mysterious disappearance. It is believed that he jumped into the Harlem River while demented, and members of his conregation are dragging the river to-day in expectation of finding his body. Many of them searched all yesterday.

For a small congregation St. Albans has been through some exciting experiences. Mr. Hobbins, who had a dry-goods store in Highbridge, was identified with the church since it was started five years ago by Rev. R. H. Wevil. He dethe furthering of the work of the pastor, who was one of his dearest friends.

Hobbins Made Treasurer. Rev. Mr. Wevil built his church up from a little gathering of the faithful in his own home until he had an edifice ledicated to church purposes and paid or out of the funds of the congregation. When the parish was regularly formed Mr. Hobbins was chosen treasurer. He as recognized as the right-hand man of the minister.

Some time ago there entered the congregation Joseph Alten, a student in the General Theological Seminary. He was made lay realer and gained a great deal of popularity because of his engaging manners. About a month ago he became engaged in a controversy with the minister and was dismissed.

It happened that some of the women of the congregation were his friends, and they endeavored to have him reinstated. In this effort they enlisted the aid of a man antagonistic to the pastor. This, man tried two years ago to have Bishop Potter remove Rev. Mr. Wevil. Began to Pester Hobbins.

There was a vigorous cam ign waged in favor of young Mr. women of the congregation who favored his cause concluded that a good ally would be Mr. Hobbins, whose influence would be Mr. Hobbins, whose influence with the pastor was known to be strong. They visited his store in detachments and singly and talked to him by the hour of the merits of the case.

The women who sided with the pastor heard of this and they, too, visited the store and lavished arguments upon Mr. Hobbins. He did not desire to take sides in the matter and two weeks ago resigned his position as treasurer.

This did not stop the visits of the women. They continued to besiege him. His wife says that after a few days of this he began to talk to himself about the house. His conversation was exclusively of the troubles in the church.

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He went to his home last Tuesday evening and announced that so much gossip and persuasion had been going on in the store that day that he was distracted. He related at length to his wife his experiences with the women who had talked to him, and after dinner said that he was going out to see some persons at the store who might advise him as to how he could escape from what he thought was virtual persecution.

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He left his watch and chain and jeweiry and quite a sum of money in the
drawer of a dresser in his room. When
he started for the store he did not take
his overcoat. No trace of him after he
left the house has been discovered.
The wife enlisted the aid of the podice last Wednesday, and a search has
been in progress ever since. The assumption of the wife was that he had
killed himself by walking out onto Highbridge and jumping into the Harlem
River. Inasmuch as no one can be
found who saw him after he left the
house the impression has become general in the concregation that he has
committed suicide.

ALARM FOR THE CZARINA.

Operation May Be Necessary to Master Ear Trouble.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 27.-The Czarina's condition causes some alarm here, as the inflammation of her ear does not yield to treatment and it is feared that an operation may be neceseary. The Czar has decided not to bring her to St. Petersburg, fearing she may take cold on the journey, and Her Majesty will remain at Skiernie-wice. Russian Poland, until all danger

The newspapers here give no details of the Czarina's illness beyond the official bulletins.

FOR MRS. H. H. AYER

Old Trinity Church Filled with Sorrowing Friends of the Foremost Woman Newspaper Writer in America.

FOUGHT THE RECTOR. Chancel Ad ned with White Chrysanthemums-Burial Service In-

> Steele and Joseph W. Hill. The funeral services of Mrs. Harriet Hubbard Ayer, the foremost woman newspaper writer of America, and valued member of The World staff. were held to-day at 12 o'clock, in old

Trinity Church. Mrs. Ayer died suddenly last Wednes-day from pneumonia at her home, The Gallatin, No. 70 West Forty-sixth street. The church was filled with friends of Mrs. Ayer—the woman who in the midst of an exceptionally busy life was never too busy to extend a helping hand and word of sympathy to comrades needing

them.

The services were conducted by the Rev. J. Hewitt Steele, assisted by the Rev. Joseph W. Hill.

The chancel was filled with most beautiful floral offerings, of which white voted a great deal of his spare time to chrysanthemums formed the larger part, the upbuilding of the congregation and The services were simple, consisting solely of the Episcopal burial service intoned by the clergymen, the refrains being chanted by the full surpliced

Bell Tolled at Noon

Promptly at 12 o'clock the bell of old Prinity tolled its summons, immediately great organ.

Then down the centre aisle cam first the crucifer, followed by two altar boys, then the choristers singing the processional hymn Turning at the vestibule they were

followed into the church by the funeral The pallbearers were Don C. Settz,

Bradford Merrill, J. H. Tennant, T. D. Wells, J. Angus Shaw, Frederick C. Nye, Paul West and Pomeroy Burton, all of The World staff.

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Following the casket, which was completely covered with beautiful chryspot the pastor, ago to have anthemums, violets and roses, came the two daughters of Mrs. Ayer, Mrs. Allan Lockwood and Miss Margaret Hubbard Ayer; then Mrs. Ayer's sisters, Mrs. Lockwood and Mrs. Wetherill, who was killed at the battle of San Juan.

Man Falls Unconscious White Writing a postal card to-day two daughters of Mrs. Ayer's sisters, Mrs. Lockwood and Mrs. Wetherill, who was killed at the battle of San Juan.

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Fire Causes Mrs. Sarah Winthrop, Her Guests and Ser vants to Flee, but Does Very Little Damage.

A defective chminey caused a fire this afternoon on the second floor of the andsome four-story brown-stone house of Mrs. Sarah Winthrop, at No. 279 Fifth avenue, opposite the Holland House.

Mrs. Winthrop and several guests, to gether with the servants, ran into the

firemen assured her that the fire was quite out. The damage was slight.

street, orying "Fire!"
Policeman McDonough, of the West Thirtieth street station, who was standing across the avenue, turned in an alarm and the firemen made short work of the blaze, while the insurance patro saved the costly furnishings of the house by use of tarpaulins. Mrs. Winthrop would not go into her house until the

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Sudden Action at Townsend & Downey's, on Shooter's Island, Not Explained, and the **Employees Taken by Surprise.**

MANY FLORAL OFFERINGS. Twelve hundred employees of the Townsend-Downey Shipbuilding Com-pany were informed to-day that there would be no work for them until Monday next, although some of the men who live on Staten Island say there is toned by the Revs. J. Hewitt plenty of work in sight at the yards on Shooters Island.

These men said that they were told that money which they say was due on Saturday would be paid to them on Monday. The men say they cannot Monday. understand why they were laid off. An employee at the yards said that many shipyards closed down for a few many shipyards closed down for a few days at this season, and that it had been done before at the Shooters Island plant. He added that 200 of the men were at work to-day and that the 1,200 who were idle would start to work again on Monday. He admitted that there was a good deal of work to be done at the plant, but refused any further information, referring inquirers to the office of the firm in Manhattan. It was said in one quarter that labor troubles had forced the shutdown, the case of Townsend & Downey being similar to that of the Morse Iron Works, of Brooklyn.

HICCOUGHS WON'T STOP.

Young Woman Puzzles Bellevne Physicians.

Although given every remedy known to the medical profession, Miss Annie Yermin, who was taken to Bellevue Hospital last Wednesday, suffering

of hiccoughing which came on yesterday.

Among the remedies given to the young woman were dee cream and slight applications of chloroform. This did no good, however, and to-day the young woman was removed to the City Hospital on Blackwell's Island.

The doctors in Believue say they think the only way that the hiccolghing can be stopped is to give Miss Yermin an anaesthetic, but as it was found she was suffering from a slight attack of heart disease, they hestaced.

The young woman lives at No. 322 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street.

SWOOMS IN POST-OFFICE.

Falls Unconscious While



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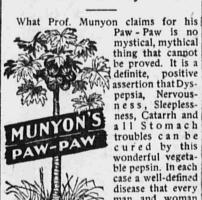


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tended cure. If any one has Dyspepsia he knows it for sure. If he is cured there is no guess work about it.

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trouble mimagination has next to nothing to do with either the disease or the

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He gave 20,000 sample bottles of his Paw-Paw away in Greater, New York. Many car loads of bottles of the regular size have since been sold here. Every druggist in the city knows not only of the great demand but of the astonishing

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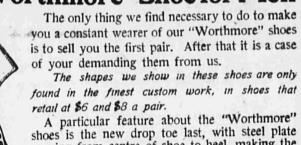
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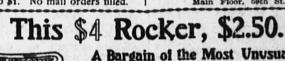
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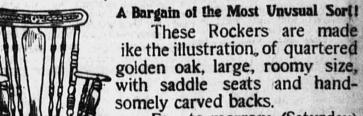
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